

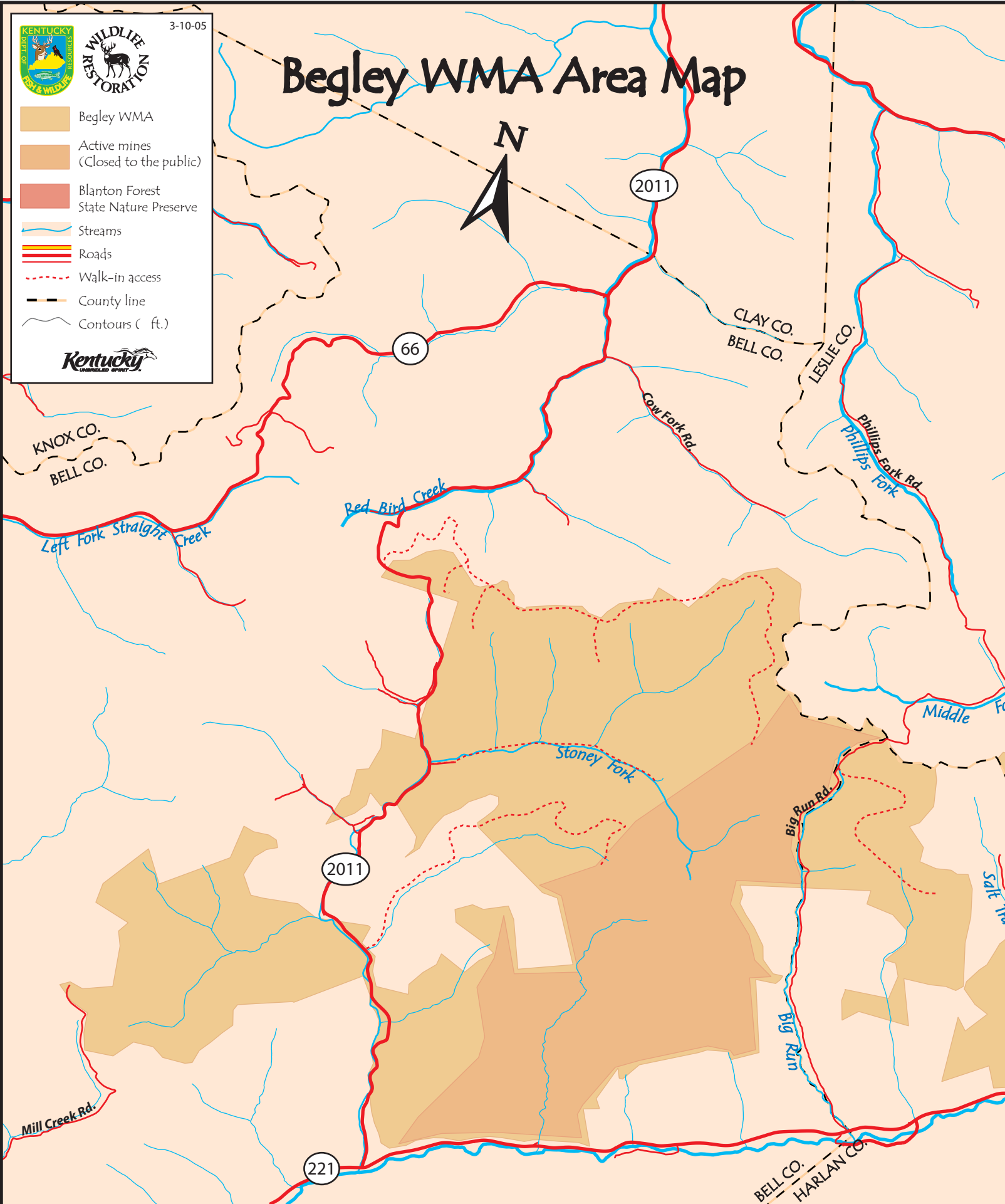


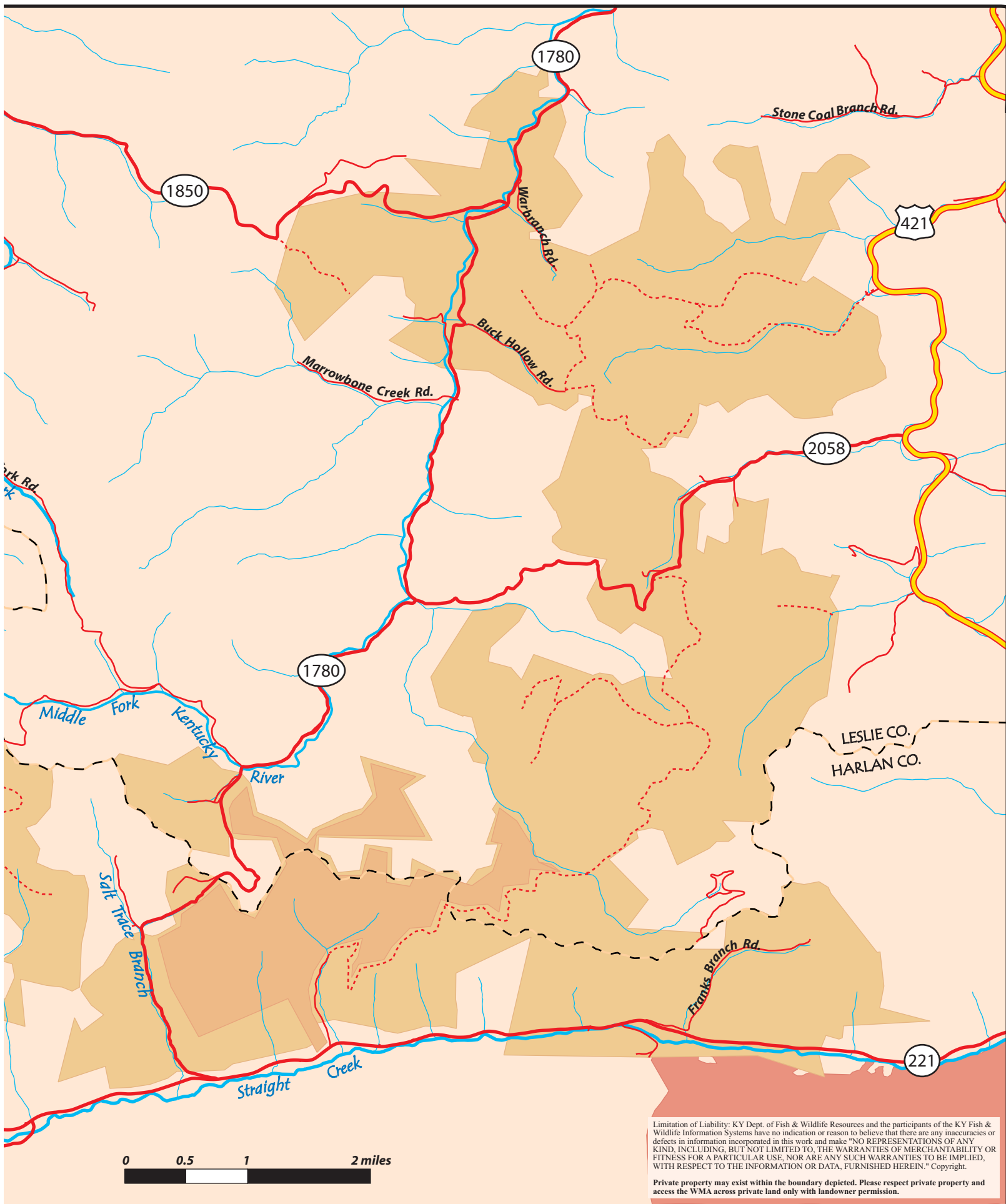
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- Begley WMA
- Active mines (Closed to the public)
- Blanton Forest State Nature Preserve
- Streams
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- County line
- Contours (ft.)

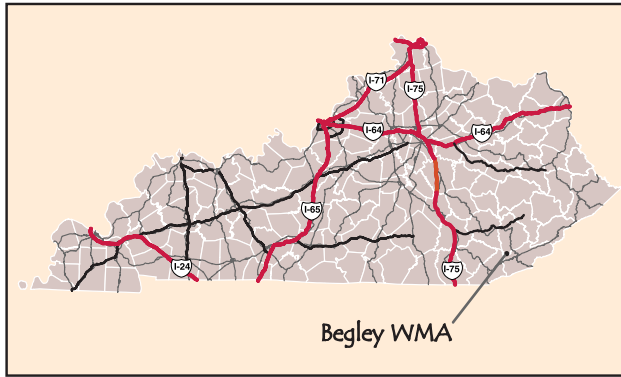


Begley WMA Area Map





Begley WMA General Information



General Guidelines:

All specific information on area use for hunting, fishing, and other activities can be found in one of the many guides published by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

1. Vehicles must remain on maintained roads. Some roads may only be open during portions of the year.
2. Parking is limited to areas provided near gates and graveled areas.
3. Do not block gates or access roads.
4. Access beyond gates is by foot travel only.
5. No ATV driving, camping, open fire, or horseback riding is permitted on WMAs.
6. Access to the WMA across private land is by landowner permission only.
7. Please respect private property.
8. Hunters shall not discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a boat ramp, a residence, or occupied building. This applies whether or not the building is on the WMA.
9. Please refer to the current Kentucky Hunting and Trapping and Sport Fishing and Boating Guides for hunting, fishing and boating information.

Telephone Numbers:

WMA Manager
(606) 878-9595

KDFWR Information line:
1-800-858-1549

Telecheck:
1-800-CHK-GAME (1-800-245-4263)

Licenses/Quota hunt applications:
1-877-598-2401

To Report Wildlife Violations Only:
1-800-25A-LERT (1-800-252-5378)



Directions

From Pineville - Take Hwy 66 for approximately 1.5 miles; turn right on Hwy 221 (Straight Creek) and travel approximately 14 miles to Big Run Road on the Harlan County line or another 2.5 miles to Peter's Branch Road on the left.

Begley WMA Information:

Begley WMA is located in northeast Bell, southern Leslie and northwest Harlan counties. The WMA is the result of a cooperative agreement between the landowner, Begley Properties, LLC, and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The area consists of the 20,000 acres of reclaimed surface mined and forest land. Active surface mine sites, deep mines and the coal washing facility are off limits to the public. Elevations range from 1,000 to 2,100 feet above sea level. Good to moderate populations of squirrel, rabbits, grouse, deer, turkey and songbirds exist on the area. The area is open under statewide regulations for small game, turkey, and deer seasons. Begley WMA also hosts a good population of elk and is open to elk hunting under a limit access permit system. See the Fall Hunting and Trapping Guide for additional information concerning hunting seasons.

WMA Management Objectives:

The management objectives on Begley WMA are:

- 1) to manage wildlife areas toward the creation, enhancement, and sustainability of permanent wildlife habitats and populations;
- 2) to manage areas for the preservation and enhancement of public outdoor recreational opportunities;
- 3) to restore wildlife species to their natural habitats;
- 4) to provide opportunities for fish and wildlife education;
- 5) to provide demonstrations of sound wildlife management practices.

Other Public Lands Nearby

Redbird WMA

(25,529 acres): Leslie and Clay cos., 7 mi. W of Hyden. Hilly to steep with gentle slopes in bottomlands and on ridge tops; mostly forested with approximately 100 acres of openings and 25 mi. of improved hiking trails. No developed facilities. Mobility impaired access to permit holders on designated area. For camping check with owner. Within Daniel Boone National Forest. Owned by U.S. Forest Service.

Martins Fork Lake WMA

(1,394 acres): Harlan Co., From Harlan take US 421 to Hwy. 987, approximately 4 mi. to lake. Mountainous terrain, forested primarily in second growth hardwoods. No roads within area. Fishing, boating in 340-acre Martins Fork Lake. Owned by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Shillalah Creek WMA

(2,640 acres): Bell and Harlan cos., along Brush Mountain N. of Cumberland Gap national Historic Park. From Pineville, take US 119 N. approximately 10 mi. to Hwy. 987, then S. to Cubage to Mill Branch-Hensley Flats Rd. (undeveloped road requires 4WD); from Hwy. 119, take Hwy. 1344 to end, turn left onto Hwy. 217, travel ¼ mi. to Park Service road. Mature forest, extremely rugged, steep terrain, many high cliffs. Fishing opportunities for brook trout. Owned by Ky. Dept. Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Cranks Creek WMA

(2,167 acres): Harlan Co., 15 mi. SE. of Harlan on Stone Mountain Rd. (off US 421). No roads within area. Mountainous, extremely steep terrain with long, deep hollows, heavily forested, primarily in hardwoods. No camping. Fishing in Herb Smith Lake; rental boats available at Stone Mountain Boat Dock. Picnicking at adjoining Stone Mountain, a scenic gorge area. The 600-acre Smith-Young tract (a gift from Mr. Phillip Smith and Mack Young) connects the original tract with the 190-acre Hedrick tract (gift from Herman Hedrick), which includes the unique wagon road tunnel at the top of Stone Mountain. Owned by Ky. Dept. Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Buckhorn Lake WMA

(3,480 acres): Lake shoreline in Perry Co. KY 15 and KY 28 W from Hazard, KY 257 N. from Hyden; from Daniel Boone Pky. take Hyden exit, turn left; 2 old roads follow lake shore; primary access by boat. Mountainous terrain, primarily forested with some open land in bottoms. Picnicking, swimming, boating facilities at Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park. Owned by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (606) 398-7154

Kentucky Ridge Forest WMA

(3,600 acres): Bell Co., 4 mi. W. of Pineville on KY 92, borders Kentucky Ridge State Forest. Access roads closed except during open hunting seasons. Mountainous terrain, primarily forested with some early succession stages on reclaimed mining land. Owned by Ky. Dept. Fish and Wildlife Resources and Ky. Div. of Forestry.

Blanton Forest State Nature Preserve

(3,055 acres): Harlan County. Largest old-growth forest in the Commonwealth. Many of the trees are three to four feet in diameter, towering 100 feet above the forest floor. A trail system approximately four and a half miles in length is open for public use. Designated parking is available in a lot adjacent to Camp Blanton, a private facility. The preserve is open year round during daylight hours and is limited to foot travel only.

(This text was condensed from the KY State Nature Preserves website. See www.naturepreserves.ky.gov for more information.)

